

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly enter the following amended claims.

1.(currently amended) A shovel comprising a blade and a handle, said blade ~~having~~  
consisting essentially of:

a shovel front edge;

a shovel rear edge;

first and second shovel side edges;

a front surface and a rear surface[[:]] said front surface having a first portion  
extending upwardly adjacent said handle, a balance of said front surface extending  
arcuately between said first and second shovel side edges to provide an uninterrupted  
front surface;

only first and second wings, said first and second wings extending outwardly and  
upwardly from respective shovel side edges;

each of said wings having a wing front edge and a wing rear edge, each of said  
wing front edges merging with a respective shovel side edge at a point substantially  
midway between said shovel front edge and said shovel rear edge, each of said wing  
front edges having a straight edge portion and an arcuate concave portion, said arcuate  
concave portion extending between said respective shovel side edge and a respective  
straight edge portion.

2.(original) The shovel of Claim 1 wherein said wing front edge and wing rear edge  
merge to form an arcuate wing top edge.

3.(original) The shovel of Claim 1 wherein said wing rear edge extends outwardly from  
a point proximate said shovel rear edge.

- 4.(original) The shovel of Claim 1 wherein said front surface of said shovel has a concave configuration.
- 5.(original) The shovel of Claim 1 wherein said first and second shovel side edges merge to form said shovel front edge which has a pointed configuration.
- 6.(original) The shovel of Claim 2 wherein said shovel front edge is tapered between said front surface and said back surface to provide a cutting edge therealong.
- 7.(original) The shovel of Claim 6 wherein each wing rear edge has an outwardly extending flange.